Absolute Rating Excellent Improvement Rating Good

Number of primary schools with students like ours: 6. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from excellent to excellent. For improvement ratings, the range was from good to excellent.

### **RATINGS OVER A FOUR-YEAR PERIOD**

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating
2001	Excellent	Good
2002		
2003		
2004		

## PERFORMANCE RATING CRITERIA

Student attendance rate	96%
Pupil – Teacher Ratio	18 to 1
Percent of parents attending conferences	95%
Days of professional development in early childhood devoted exclusively to knowledge and skills in working with children less than eight years old	2.2
Type of accreditation	Not pursuing
(More than one may apply)	accreditation
(More than one may apply)	accreditation
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	X State Department
	of Education
	X Southern Association
	of Colleges and Schools
	National Association
	for the Education of
	Young Children
	American Mantagori Casistu
	American Montessori Society

## **SCHOOL PROFILE INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE**

	Our School	From	Schools with Students like ours	Median Primary School
SCHOOL				
<ul> <li>Dollars spent per student</li> </ul>	\$3,291	N/A	\$4,963	\$5,569
<ul> <li>Prime instructional time</li> </ul>	90.2%	Up from 84.8%	89.3%	89.6%
Student-teacher ratio	17.6 to 1	N/A	18.3 to 1	18.5 to 1
STUDENTS (n=805)				
Attendance Rate	95.6%	Down from 96.0%	95.6%	95.7%
<ul> <li>First graders who attended full day kindergarten</li> </ul>	95.0%	90.8%	96.4%	96.2%
<ul> <li>Meeting grade 1 and 2 readiness standards</li> </ul>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Retention rate	7.7%	Up from 6.1%	7.0%	5.9%
TEACHERS (n=56)				
<ul> <li>Professional Development days per teacher</li> </ul>	7.4 Days	Up from 6.6	7.7 Days	7.9 Days
Attendance Rate	95.8%	Up from 89.7%	95.4%	95.1%
<ul> <li>Teachers with advanced degrees</li> </ul>	48.2%	Down from 50.0%	39.6%	40.9%
<ul> <li>Continuing contract teachers</li> </ul>	82.1%	Down from 84.6%	81.1%	81.8%
<ul> <li>Teachers with out-of-field permits</li> </ul>	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
<ul> <li>Teachers returning from the previous school year</li> </ul>	86.5%	Down from 91.0%	88.8%	87.4%
Average teacher salary	\$37,263	Up 5.2%	\$35,652	\$36,605

## **SCHOOL FACTS**

Our School		Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Primary School
SCHOOL				
<ul> <li>Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries</li> </ul>	60.8%	N/A	66.1%	66.3%
<ul> <li>Principal's years at the school</li> </ul>	1.0	N/A	4.5	4.0
<ul> <li>Parents attending conferences</li> </ul>	94.5%	N/A	91.9%	94.5%
<ul> <li>Opportunities in the arts</li> </ul>	Good	N/A	Good	Good
STUDENTS				
Older than usual for grade	0.3%	Down from 0.8%	0.5%	0.5%
Suspended or expelled	0	N/A	0	0
With disabilities other than speech	2.7%	Down from 4.5%	1.7%	2.6%



# PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

The past year was an exciting one at Berkeley Elementary. Our students performed well academically, artistically, and socially. They participated in various service activities and demonstrated that they are on their way to becoming productive citizens. Our accomplishments included:

- \* 80% of our first graders scored ready on the CSAB;
- \* Four students were selected for the Berkeley All-County Chorus;
- \* Several students had art work displayed at local venues;
- \* All first and second graders participated in the Kids Who Care Environmental awareness and action program;
- \* Students participated in the Junior Achievement program;
- \* Several classes successfully piloted the new Everyday Math program;
- \* The school's Character Education program was continued;
- \* Parenting programs and activities were provided school-wide;
- \* After-school tutoring programs were offered;
- \* BES was Accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools:
- \* Our computer lab was upgraded; all classrooms now have at least one computer.

In addition, more teachers than ever attended professional development conferences and several teachers earned or are pursuing advanced degrees. Our PTO did a wonderful job supporting our school with volunteer efforts and with financial support. Their funding enabled teachers to purchase supplementary materials for their classrooms.

The Comer School Planning and Management Team, composed of teachers, parents, and community members, met regularly to plan future actions and to review our school's needs, activities, programs, and finances.

Berkeley Elementary is fortunate to have so many hard-working students, staff members, parents, grandparents, friends, and volunteers who do so much to make the school a dynamic and wonderful place for children to grow.

Karen Whitley, Ed.D., Principal Robert Hoover, Assistant Principal

### **EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS**

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	91.5	N/A	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	95.7	N/A	
Satisfied with home-school relations	93.6	N/A	

### **DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS**

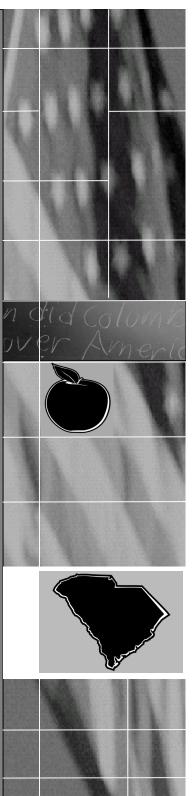
Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.



Berkeley Elementary 715 Highway 6 Moncks Corner, SC 29461

**Grades** K-2 Primary School

Enrollment: 805 Students



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# THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School Report Card

School Grade: Excellent

#### South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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